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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH FOOD GRAIN NEEDS

1. ACCORDING TO BANGLADESH AMB HOSSAIN ALI, BDG PRESENTLY THINKING IN TERMS OF 2 MILLION MT OF FOOD GRAIN IMPORTS IN CY-74, OF WHICH 500,000 MT WOULD BE FOR STOCK BUILDING. IN MEETING BETWEEN AMB. PORTER AND ADDITIONAL FONSEC FAKHRUDDIN AHMED NOV. 26, BENGALIS DESCRIBED PROSPECTS FOR WINTER RICE HARVEST AS GOOD, WHILE WARNING THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON FOOD GRAIN DEFICIT. PREVIOUS PLANNING HAD CALLED FOR BDG COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF ONE MILLION MT, BUT FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE WILL NOW BUY ONLY 500,000 MT AT CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRICES. THIS LEAVES DEFICIT OF 1.5 MILLION MT TO BE FILLED

FROM "OTHER SOURCES".

2. COMMENT: IF PRESENT OPTIMISM REGARDING AMAN HARVEST PROVES JUSTIFIED, BANGLADESH 1973 RICE PRODUCTION WILL BE 15-20 PERCENT HIGHER THAN 1972. WITH WORLD WHEAT PRICES REMAINING HIGH AND PL 480 AVAILABILITIES STILL EXTREMELY TIGHT, IT APPEARS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR BDG TO PLACE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON LOCAL PROCUREMENT AND ON IMPROVEMENTS IN DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS IN 1974. IN ANY CASE,USG CANNOT CONSIDER PROVIDING CONCESSIONAL FOODGRAINS FOR STOCK-BUILDING. WE INTEND TO SHARE THIS VIEW INFORMALLY WITH BD EMBASSY

AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON WHETHER AND HOW SAME CONCERNS BEING DISCUSSED IN DACCA. KISSINGER

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